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City Celebrates Irish History in the Month of March

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(March 1, 2004 TROY)- Mayor Harry Tutunjian announced Monday that the City of Troy will help celebrate Irish History during March by welcoming a traveling exhibit from the Irish American Heritage Museum.

The exhibit, entitled "Irish and Labor," contains 30 panels of images and narratives, artifacts, and outlines of contributions of the Irish and Irish-Americans to the labor movements in the United States.

The exhibit is free and open to the public, and will be on display throughout the month of March inside the 2nd floor lobby of Troy City Hall. The kickoff to the event is March 3rd at 5 p.m., inside of City Hall, where the Capital District Celtic Cultural Association (CDCCA), and other local dignitaries will join Tutunjian. The mayor will also welcome the Three Irish Sopranos, Wendy Dwyer, Dierdre Masterson, and Kay Lynch, to the Collar City, who will perform at the Troy Music Hall later that evening.

A reception will follow the official opening of the display.

"We have a very significant Irish population in Troy that goes along with a special past," Tutunjian said. "It makes perfect sense that the City of Troy plays host to this wonderful exhibit during the month of March. It is important that the City be open to all types of historical and cultural events. This is one way we can begin to do that."

Irish-Americans played a significant and defining role in the cultural and industrial development of Troy throughout the 18th and 19th centuries. One of the highlights of the exhibit is information about Kate Mullaney and James Connolly, well-known major influences during the American labor movement. Both Mullaney and Connolly were residents of Troy.

"One of my favorite expressions is 'Building on the Past...Working Towards the Future,'" Tutunjian said. "As we move towards a technological revolution and Troy becomes one of the great cities in the United States, we only need to look to our past, and people like Kate Mullaney, to provide the inspiration for what Troy can be."